(a) whether Government propose to declare some more waterways as national waterways; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) and (b) On the basis of the results of hydrographic and techno-economic studies done, the Government have initiated steps to declare the Brahmaputra (stretch between Sadiya and Dhubri) as National Waterway. The decision in respect of remaining waterways will depend on the allocation of funds and results of techno-economic feasibility studies and hydrographic surveys.

Price control of diabetic drugs

972. SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that diabetic control programme is covered under National Health Programme;

(b) if so, what are the drugs required for the control of diabetes; and

(c) whether it is a fact that the drugs required for this programme would be under price control indicating which of the drugs have been placed under price control category?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) A District Diabetic Control Programme has been taken up on a pilot basis in five districts during the Seventh Five Year Plan.

(b) Drugs generally used for the treatment of diabetes are:—

Insulin injection

Glibenclamide

Tolbutamide

Chlerpropamide

Penfermin

Glihizide

(c) Insulin and Glibendamide are covered under the Drugs (Price Control) Order 1987 announced by the Ministry of Industry, Department of Chemicals and Petrochemicals.

C.G.H.S. dispensaries in Bihar

973. SHRI S. S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total number of CGHS dispensaries operating in Bihar at present;

(b) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration opening new dispensaries in Bihar the year 1988-89; and

(c) if so, what are the places earmarked for the purpose?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) to (c) At present, five allopathic dispensaries are functioning in Patna, Bihar. One more allopathic dispensary is likely to be opened in Ranchi, Bihar during the year 1988-89.

Permission to State Governments to levy entry tax

974. SHRI S. S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have given permission to various States to levy entry tax on vehicles entering the States;

(b) whether there is any policy of Government to do away with octroi etc. to encourage free flow of traffic and trade from one State to another;

(c) whether Bihar has also been permitted to levy entry tax on vehicles entering the State;

(d) if so, what is the justification to allow the levy of entry tax; and

(e) whether this type of levy of entry tax do not violate the policy of the Government narrated in part (b) above?